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Application No.: 10/506,439) Group Art Unit: 1713
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**RESUBMISSION OF COMMENTS ON STATEMENT
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE AND
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Consideration of the documents and acknowledgment of the Information Disclosure Statement are respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

In response to the statement of reasons for allowance provided with the Notice of Allowance dated December 21, 2005, applicants note that the Examiner has referred to JP 08-333550A as teaching a binder comprising lactic acid polymer and multi-olefin/(meth)acrylic or esters thereof copolymer.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's description of the '550 publication is not correct. The '550 publication discloses an adhesive sheet comprising a surface base material, an adhesive layer and a release sheet. The surface base layer is a film composed of lactic acid-based polymer and the adhesive layer is a copolymer layer obtained by neutralization of a carboxylic acid-modified rosin-containing acrylic acid ester copolymer with an alkali substance. The carboxylic acid -modified rosin containing acrylic acid ester copolymer is prepared from (a) carboxylic acid-modified rosin ester monomer, (b) (poly)ethyleneglycol (meth)acrylate, (c) C₄ - C₁₈ alkyl ester monomer of (meth)acrylic acid, (d) ethylenically unsaturated carboxylic acid-containing monomer, and (e) a monomer copolymerizable with the above-mentioned (a), (b), (c) and (d).

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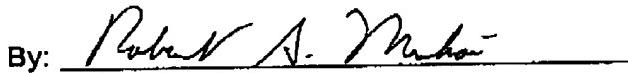
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Therefore, contrary to the Examiner's statement, the '550 publication does not teach a binder comprising lactic acid polymer and multi-olefin/(meth)acrylic or esters thereof copolymer. The lactic acid polymer constitutes the surface base material.

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